1249. The sale of Educational Text Books and Official Publications was carried through 492 recognised Book-sellers.

1250. The net cash realisation during the year at the Government Central Book Depot, Bangalore, amounted to Rs. 3,80,873 (Rs. 3,81,748).

(iv) Government Stationery Depot.

1251. The economy cut in respect of the seven essential stationery articles had been lifted on 4th June 1955 and the supplies of them were regulated under the normal rules of Stationery Manual.

1252. The total value of the stock of stationery articles handled during the year works out to Rs. 18,77,309 (Rs. 16,53,187). The value of issues made to the several offices in the State amounted to Rs. 12,88,604 (Rs. 12,06,891).

1253. The total demand against the several paying departments towards the cost of stationery articles and printing papers supplied to them during the year including the cost of papers supplied for printing forms and registers of the Municipalities and Local Bodies amounted to Rs. 7,15,902-12-4. Against this demand, a sum of Rs. 2,69,593-9-11 was realised.

1254. As in previous years the purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers, and millboards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore. The majority of the printing and writing papers, straw boards and cover papers were purchased from the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., Bhadravathi.

1255. The value of purchases made through the Stores Purchase Committee in respect of stationery, printing and writing papers etc., amounted to Rs. 14,20,526-11-9 (Rs. 11,16,271-5-9).

1256. The articles of Mysore manufacture that were purchased during the year amounted to Rs. 11,02,516 (Rs. 9,67,105).

1257. As far as possible, articles of indigenous manufacture were used and articles of foreign manufacture were selected only when the indigenous made articles did not serve the purpose.